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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

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SUBJECT: Meeting with [REDACTED] to Discuss the SAC
Request for Special E&E Studies

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1. On Friday, 2 October, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] met with the undersigned to consider the action to be taken with regard to the SAC request for special E&E studies [REDACTED]

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2. Having already referred the request to the AD/RR and to the DD/I, [REDACTED] and I were interested in expressing the reaction that DD/I officials have toward the Geography Division undertaking such a program. I started the meeting by telling the assembled group that this referral to my superiors had been made, and that their view was that the Geography Division should not become involved in such a broad program, but that within their capabilities the Division could work on critical areas only. These critical areas would have to be named by SAC, be completely related to planned operational needs and, at the same time, be required to support the needs of various components of the Agency.

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3. After this brief statement by way of introduction, [REDACTED] introduced a draft memorandum to the Commander, SAC, on the status quo of the request. In this memorandum, [REDACTED] pointed out that certain studies had been done on the high-priority area around [REDACTED]

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and that these reports were being sent to satisfy SAC's crash requirements. In addition, in an enclosure to the memorandum, he listed published documents which he believes satisfies the requirement and, in some cases, those studies which furnish additional information. For those sections where there is no current publication which adequately meets the requirements, he listed the documents which will provide interim information until a more complete study can be made. He then went on to indicate areas for which reports will be prepared.

4. In the discussion that followed the introduction of this memorandum, a complete divergence of views as to the real nature of the SAC request became apparent. [REDACTED] and I [REDACTED] asked the question, "Why is he now informing SAC that certain studies are available which are general in character, are directed toward providing basic information about E&E matters, and which in large part do not conform in area to the fifty-mile zone along the borders which was specified in the SAC request as their area of interest?"

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[REDACTED] responded that he had talked with the SAC people (presumably Major Lynn) and had found that the kinds of studies he was naming in the enclosure as satisfying their request in some areas would be satisfactory to them, and that SAC, after all, didn't mean what it said in its initial request concerning best points for crossing borders and positive recommendations for evasion. This point of view, of course, was completely contrary to our understanding of the SAC request -- especially the part represented by the [REDACTED] project. [REDACTED] and I pointed out that we understood that SAC and parts of the Agency would be interested in receiving the best recommendations that the analysts could make regarding points of escape and evasion after a complete survey of the characteristics of a given area.

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[REDACTED] on the other hand, contended that the studies done by the 6004th Air Intelligence Squadron, Tokyo, essentially met the SAC requirements. He was quick to point out that SAC didn't know that these studies met their requirements, but that we would tell them so and they would believe us because they, as [REDACTED] said, "...do not know what they want or need in escape and evasion matters." We went around this subject many times trying to convince [REDACTED] that if the TWX request from SAC represents what they want, the study we were doing on the [REDACTED] was the kind that

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would have to be done for the rest of the [REDACTED] and that his view 25X1B4b was an erroneous interpretation of the SAC requirement. I'm afraid we got nowhere because [REDACTED] is committed to promoting a program in E&E and his 25X1B4b studies whereby collection and collation of already-published intelligence becomes an essential element of meeting any and all requirements in his field of activity.

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5. It was finally concluded that [REDACTED] would rewrite his memorandum to the Commander, SAC, and raise the question with them concerning what in fact they really did want in the way of E&E studies [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] He would also remove from the memorandum and its enclosure any commitments to produce E&E studies in 1959 or 1960 until this basic question of the character of the studies to be done is determined. [REDACTED] 25X1A9a

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[REDACTED] agreed to coordinate the memorandum with us before it is sent to SAC.

6. It became abundantly apparent that, if the Geographic Research Area is to get involved in satisfying the SAC requirement -- even on a limited, critical area basis only -- we would need to talk directly with responsible SAC officials [REDACTED] to try to determine the kind of study that should be produced to meet the SAC requirement.

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[REDACTED]
Chief, Geographic Research

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